offer an explanation, however defective, according to my own lights.

Of course, every one will admit that experiences such as these could not possibly be met with every now and again; nor are they common incidents in every-day life; and to arrive at a general conclusion from them *i.e.* facts so rare and uncommon, must necessarily be very difficult at the outset. However, 1 shall consider myself fortunate if I find that in writing this book I have been able to attract the attention of thoughtful readers or persons such as have had similar experiences in their own lives, and are eager to enter into discussions regarding the laws or the cause that underlie such phenomena. ' ^ ^

II.

Now let us proceed with our story. After the commutation of the sentence of *'death" on myself and Barinda (Sj. Barindra K. Ghose) by the High Court into transportation for life we were sent away to the Andamans, on board S. S. "Maharaja" together with Hemda (Sj. Hem Chandra Das), Bibhuti, Indu

Bhushan,
-Hrishikesh, and Abinash, in the first batch.